## Claims

- 1. A device for isolating objects (11) from a quantity of articles (11) located in a container (13), comprising a pivotal flap (15) at the outlet of the container (13) for releasing one article (11) that is to be isolated, and comprising a retaining element (16) for holding back the remaining articles in the container (13) which is disposed above the flap (15) in the direction of movement of the articles (13) characterized in that the retaining element (16) is a resilient thrust piece.
- 2. A device in accordance with Claim 1, characterized in that the flap (15) and the retaining element (16) are parts of a pivotal element (14).
- 3. A device in accordance with Claim 2, characterized in that, during a rotary movement of the pivotal element (14), the flap (15) releases one article (11) and the retaining element (14) enters the outlet track for the purposes of holding back further articles.
- 4. A device in accordance with any of the preceding Claims, characterized in that the resilient thrust piece clamps the succeeding article in the outlet track.
- 5. A device in accordance with any of the preceding Claims, characterized in that the container (13) is a cassette in which the articles are arranged one above the other in a shaft (12).
- 6. A device in accordance with any of the preceding Claims, characterized in that the articles (11) that are to be isolated are test specimens for subsequent measuring processes.
- 7. A device in accordance with any of the preceding Claims, characterized in that the articles (11) are rod-shaped, in particular, cigarettes or filter-ends for cigarettes.